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THAT'S THE ASIAN  
HUNTER WHO ALMOST  
KILLED THOMAS  
ANDRE?

THEY SAY HE



THEY SAY HE  
PLAYED A BIG PART  
IN THE TOKYO GATE  
AS WELL...

TO THINK HE  
KNOCKED OUT THOMAS,  
WHO'S BEEN RULING OVER  
THE OTHER HUNTERS  
LIKE A KING...

IT'S  
UNBELIEVABLE,  
REALLY.








HELLO, EVERYONE.  
I AM DR. BELZER.







I'M SURE YOU'RE ALL  
AWARE THAT THERE'S BEEN  
A RECENT SPIKE IN THE  
NUMBER OF GATES AND  
POWERFUL BEASTS.

BUT WHAT MANY OF YOU  
MAY NOT KNOW IS THAT  
WE'VE DETECTED SOME  
UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IN  
THE SKIES.



IT'S BEEN WIDELY  
REPORTED THAT THE  
CONCENTRATION OF MANA  
THAT HAS BEEN ABSORBED  
INTO THE ATMOSPHERE IS  
GROWING INCREASINGLY  
DENSE.

I'D LIKE TO REFER  
TO THIS PARTICULAR  
TYPE OF MANA BY A  
DIFFERENT NAME.



UNTIL A MORE SUITABLE  
TERM IS AVAILABLE, I  
PROPOSE CALLING IT THE  
**"MAGISPHERE."**







DID YOU KNOW THAT THIS  
MAGISPHERE IS CURRENTLY  
FORMING CLUSTERS IN  
THE SKIES ABOVE SOME  
COUNTRIES?

THIS PHENOMENON  
CAN BE OBSERVED  
IN A TOTAL OF NINE  
AREAS...



...AND THIS RIGHT  
HERE IS WHERE THE  
MAGISPHERE IS MOST  
CONCENTRATED.

BEEP



SEOUL,  
SOUTH KOREA.



SOUTH KOREA?



WHISPER



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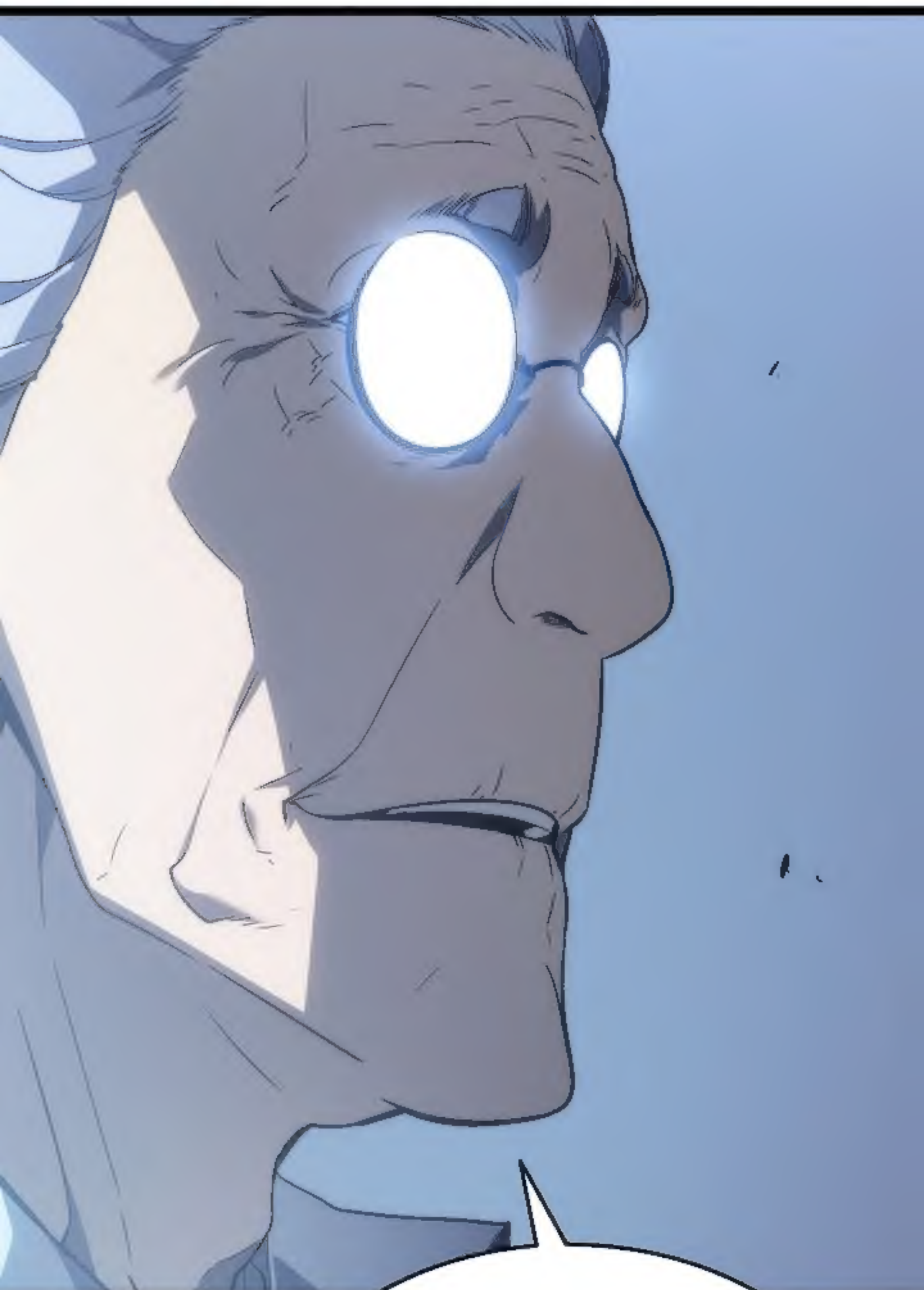
KOREA?  
THAT'S WHERE...








THERE IS NO  
NEED TO STARE  
AT MR. SUNG,  
EVERYONE.




BECAUSE IF HE COULD  
CONTROL THE MAGISPHERE,  
HE'D ALREADY BE ABOVE AND  
BEYOND THE RANKS OF  
A HUNTER.






NINE PLACES IN  
TOTAL, HUH...?



COULD IT HAVE  
SOMETHING TO DO  
WITH THE NUMBER OF  
MONARCHS?



THERE'S NO WAY  
TO DEAL WITH THIS  
PHENOMENON AT THE  
MOMENT, SINCE THE  
CAUSE IS UNKNOWN.

BUT THAT'S NOT  
TO SAY THERE ISN'T A  
NEED TO ADDRESS  
THIS SITUATION.

THE WORLD MAY  
SOON FACE ANOTHER



PROFOUND CHANGE.

DR. BELZER, IS  
THAT THE END OF YOUR  
PRESENTATION?

STEP

YES.

THEN I'LL  
TAKE IT FROM  
HERE.





I HAVE AN IMPORTANT  
ANNOUNCEMENT TO  
MAKE TO ALL THE  
HUNTERS GATHERED  
HERE TODAY.



IT IS WITH A HEAVY  
HEART THAT I BRING  
YOU THIS NEWS.




ABOUT  
TWO WEEKS  
AGO



ADD,

HUNTER CHRISTOPHER  
REED WAS MURDERED BY A  
GROUP OF UNIDENTIFIED  
ASSAILANTS.






CHRISTOPHER  
REED? A NATIONAL  
LEVEL HUNTER WAS  
MURDERED?!

HE'S  
KIDDING, RIGHT?  
THERE'S JUST  
NO WAY.

MURMUR

MURMUR

AWAKENED BEINGS  
WHO ARE EQUALLY AS  
STRONG AS NATIONAL  
LEVEL HUNTERS ARE  
THE ONLY ONES WHO  
CAN KILL THEM!



COULD IT BE THE  
GUY WHO DUKED  
IT OUT WITH  
THOMAS JUST  
YESTERDAY...?!



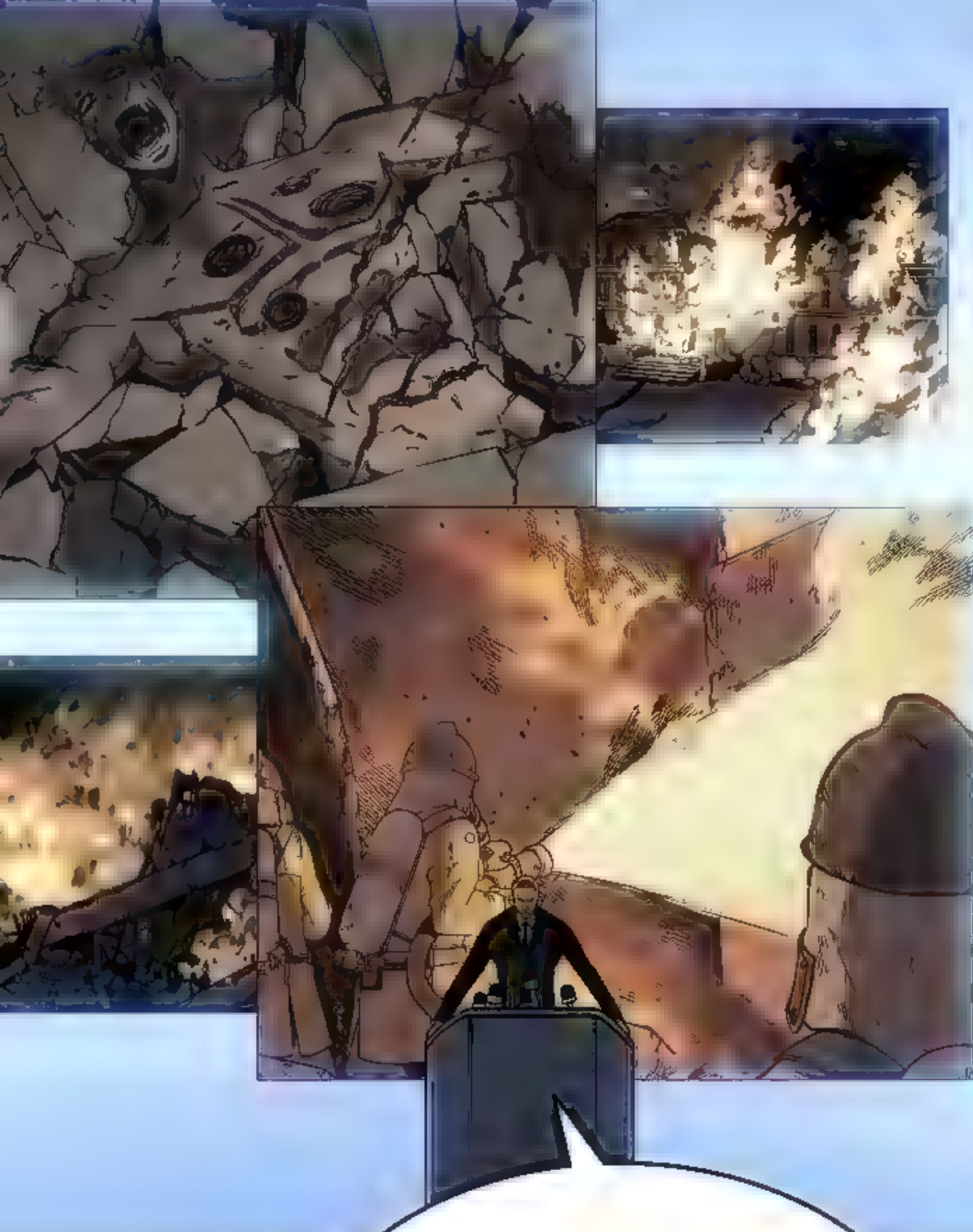


CHRISTOPHER REED'S  
OFFICIAL OBITUARY  
WILL BE RELEASED  
TOMORROW.

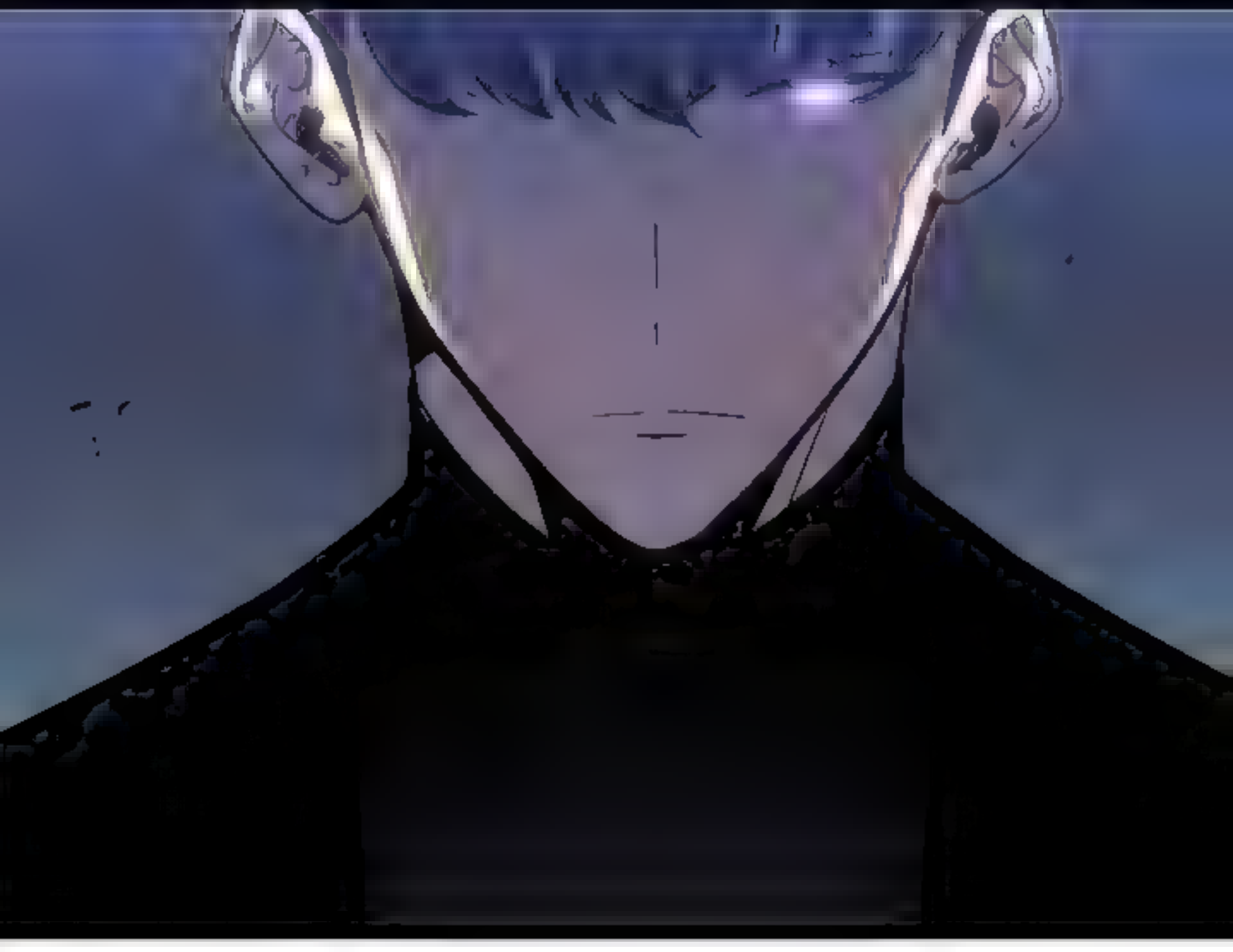




PLEASE LISTEN  
CAREFULLY TO WHAT  
I'M ABOUT TO SAY AND  
REFRAIN FROM JUMPING  
TO CONCLUSIONS.



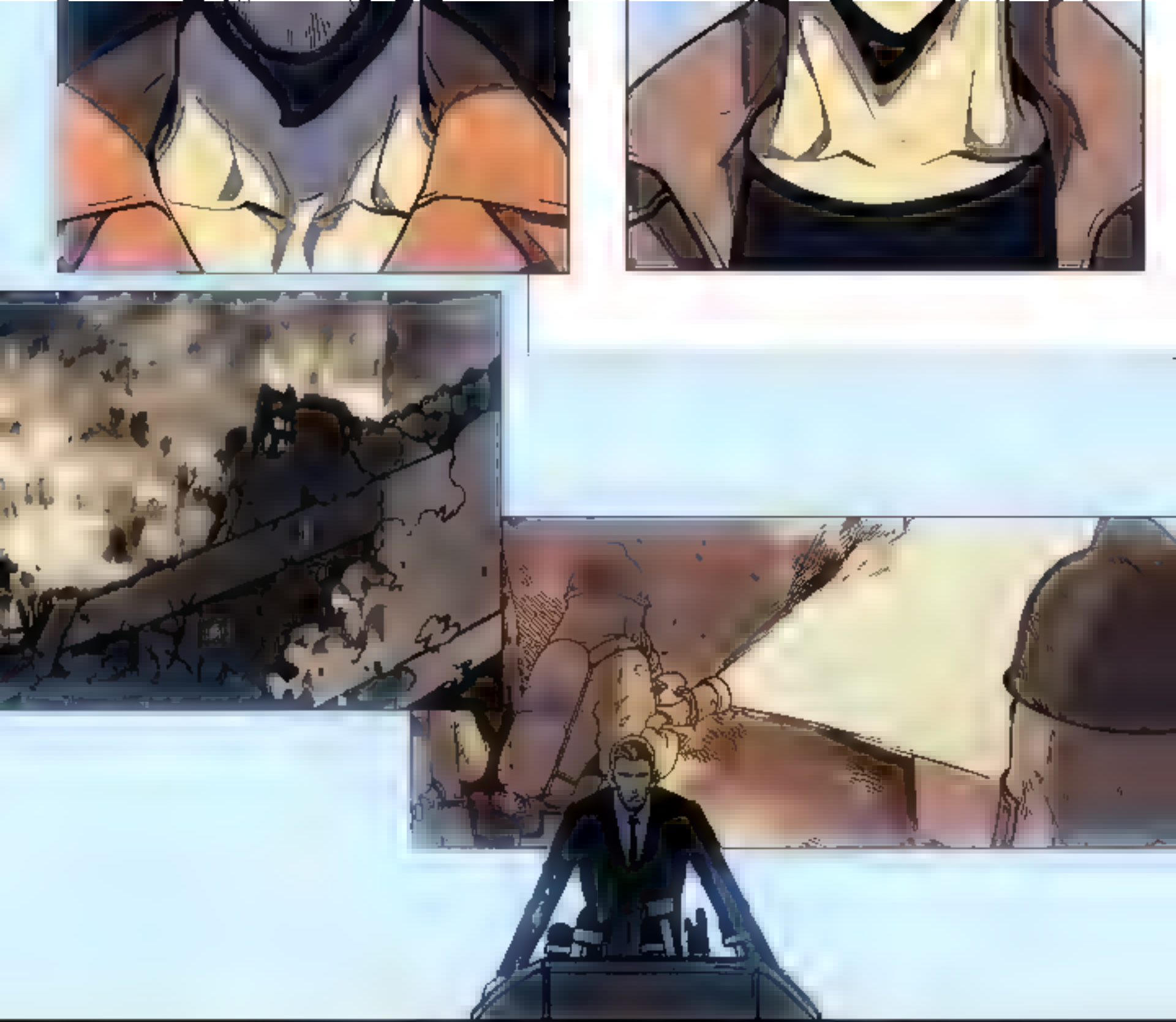
WE HAVE A SUSPECT  
THAT WE BELIEVE WAS  
RESPONSIBLE FOR  
THIS INCIDENT.



*"SUSPECT S."*







THEN SUNG JINWOO,  
THE GUY WHO FOUGHT  
WITH THOMAS, ISN'T THE  
PERPETRATOR?



BUT THAT ASIAN MAN'S  
FACE... LOOKS EXACTLY  
LIKE SOMEONE SITTING  
HERE IN THIS ROOM.



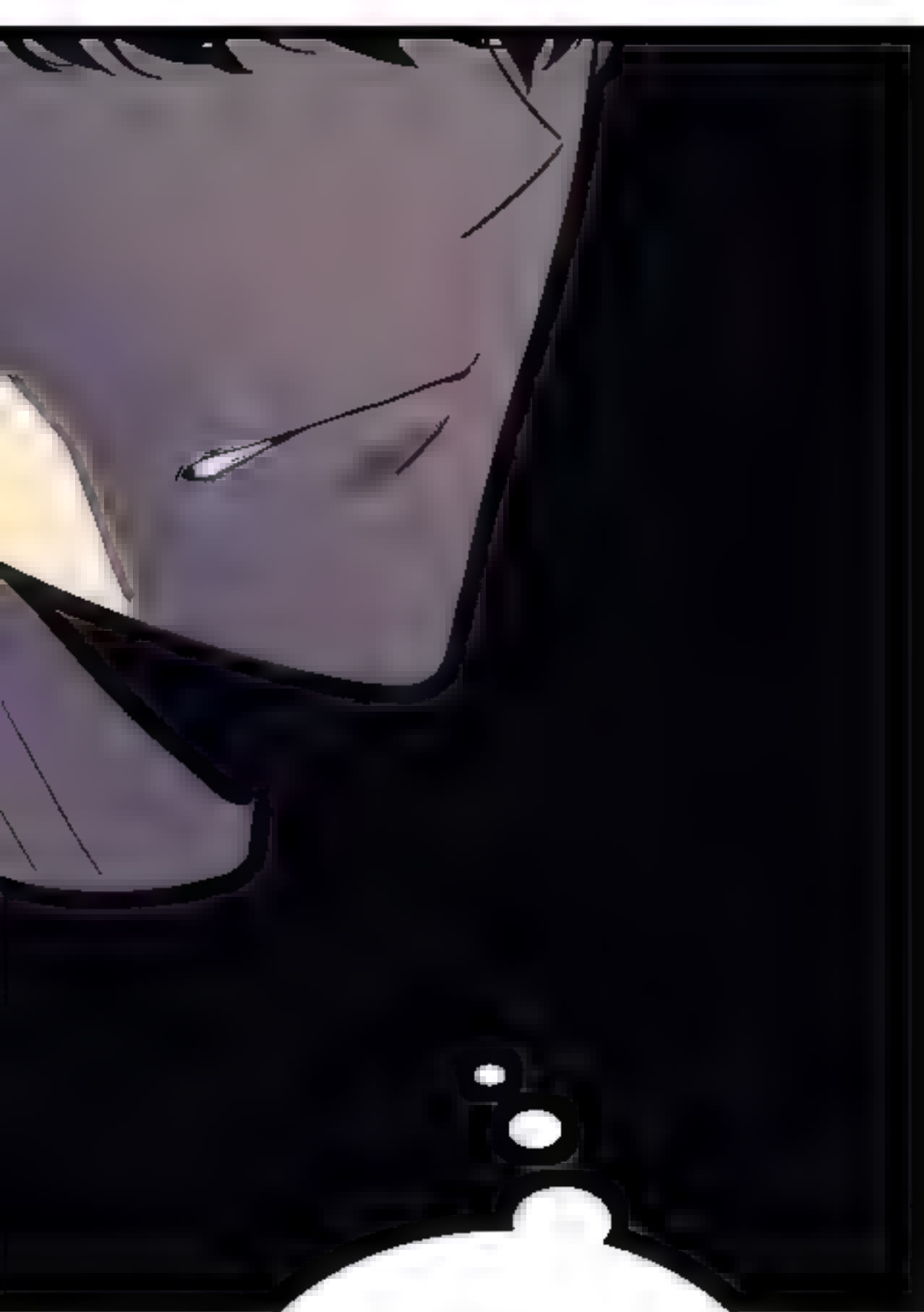


DON'T TURN AROUND.  
DON'T TURN AROUND.

THEY JUST  
LOOK ALIKE,  
THAT'S ALL.

WE CAN'T REALLY  
TELL ASIAN FACES  
APART ANYWAY.

BUT NO  
MATTER HOW  
I LOOK AT  
IT...



WHY MY  
FATHER...



DUNGEONS ARE THE  
RULERS' REALM.

MY LIEGE, THERE  
ARE FOUR HUMANS  
WHO HAVE BORROWED  
THE POWER OF THE  
RULERS.

PLEASE BEWARE  
OF THEM.


I HAVE NO IDEA WHY  
THE RULERS SENT A  
BEAST THAT LOOKS  
LIKE MY FATHER.

COULD IT HAVE  
SOMETHING TO DO  
WITH WHAT KAMISH  
SAID?

"SUSPECT S" WAS  
DISCOVERED IN A GATE ON  
AMERICAN SOIL, AND HAS  
SINCE BEEN DETERMINED  
TO BE A BEAST THAT  
CAN SPEAK A HUMAN  
LANGUAGE.

BECAUSE HE  
SPOKE KOREAN, WE  
ASKED S-RANK HUNTER  
HWANG DONGSOO TO  
INTERROGATE HIM,  
BUT...






I'LL  
FORCE YOU TO  
TELL ME.

YOU'RE A  
COCKY GUY,  
AREN'T YOU?

...HE KNOCKED OUT  
MR. HWANG DURING THE  
INTERROGATION AND  
RAN AWAY.

AS FOR  
THE BUREAU'S  
HEADQUARTERS, IT  
BECAME ENGULFED  
IN FLAMES.



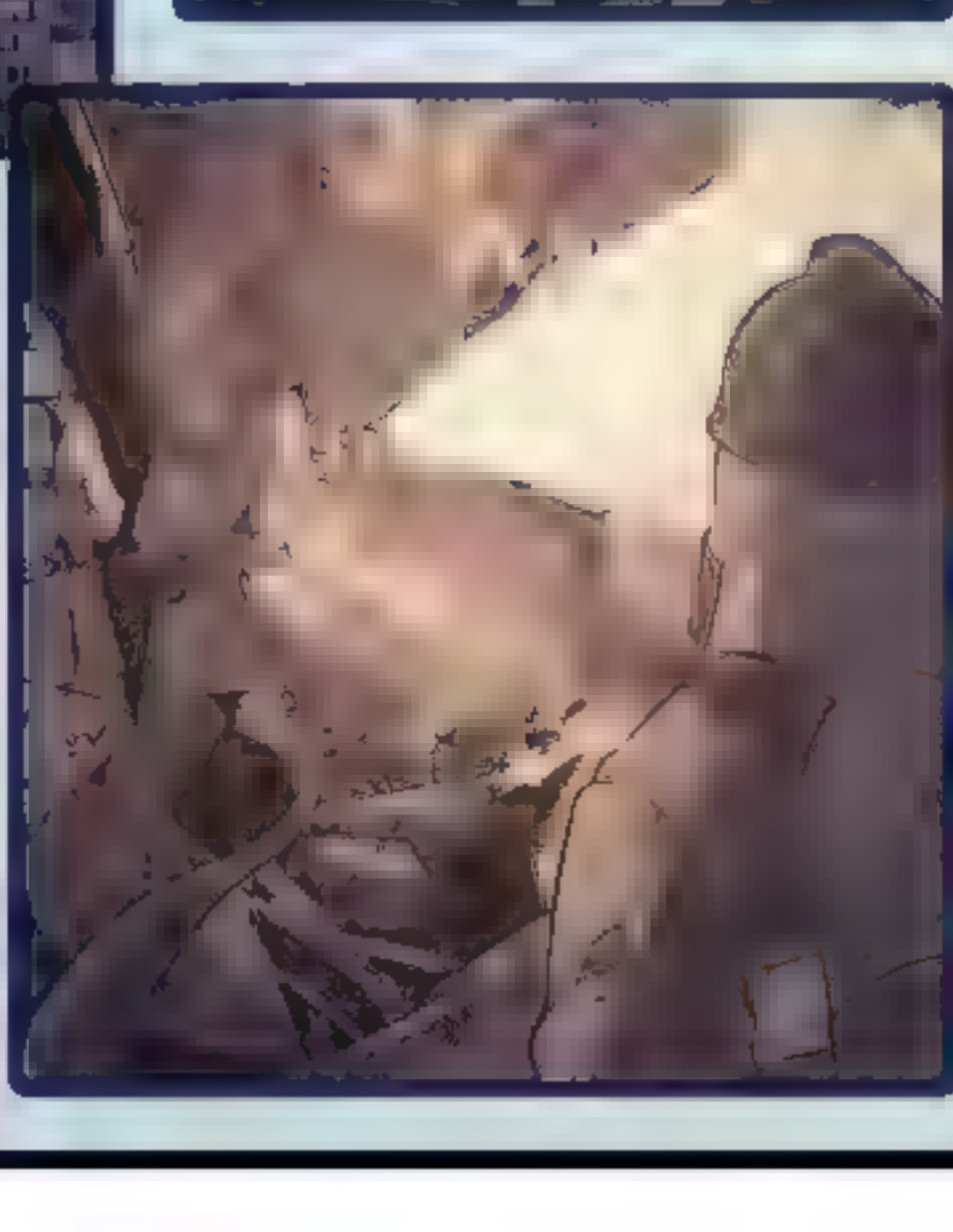
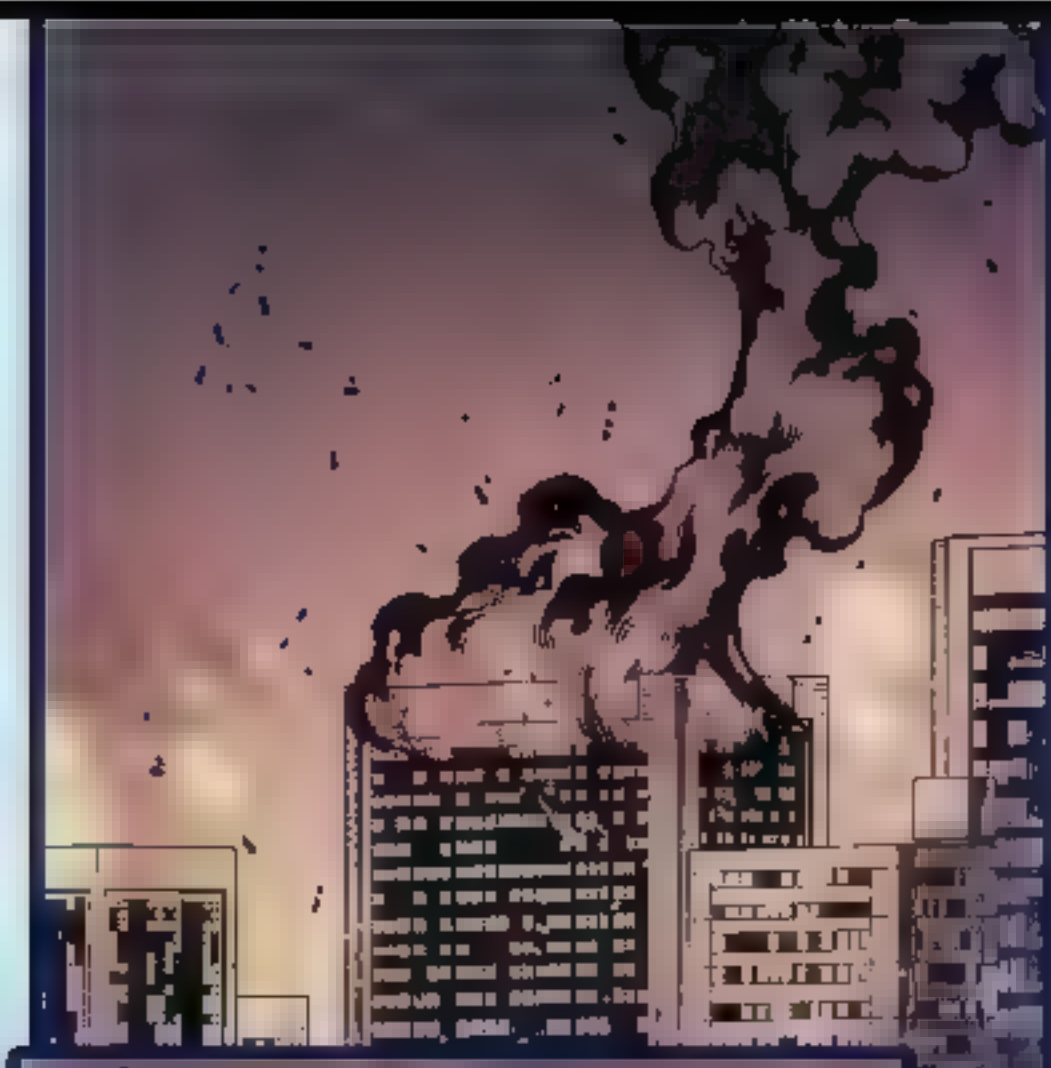


THE SUSPECT WAS STRONG  
ENOUGH TO DEFEAT HWANG  
DONGSOO, A KEY MEMBER OF  
THE SCAVENGER GUILD.

WE THINK THERE'S  
A HIGH POSSIBILITY  
THAT OTHER POWERFUL  
HUMANOID BEASTS  
THAT ALSO ESCAPED  
FROM DIFFERENT  
DUNGEONS...

...ALL WENT AFTER  
CHRISTOPHER REED  
AT ONCE.

THIS IS THE  
CONCLUSION WE AT  
THE BUREAU HAVE  
COME TO.





?!

HE'S... SAYING  
SOMETHING?

DON'T YOU  
EVER STEP FOOT  
IN KOREA.

I'M NOT SAYING  
THIS FOR MY SON'S  
SAKE, I'M SAYING  
IT FOR YOURS.

YOU WILL NEVER  
REST IN PEACE, EVEN  
IN DEATH.



"YOU WILL  
NEVER REST IN  
PEACE... EVEN  
IN DEATH"?

BADUM!


BADUM!

GREED!

YOUR HUNCH  
IS CORRECT,  
MY KING.

THAT MAN...  
IS DEFINITELY  
MY FATHER!







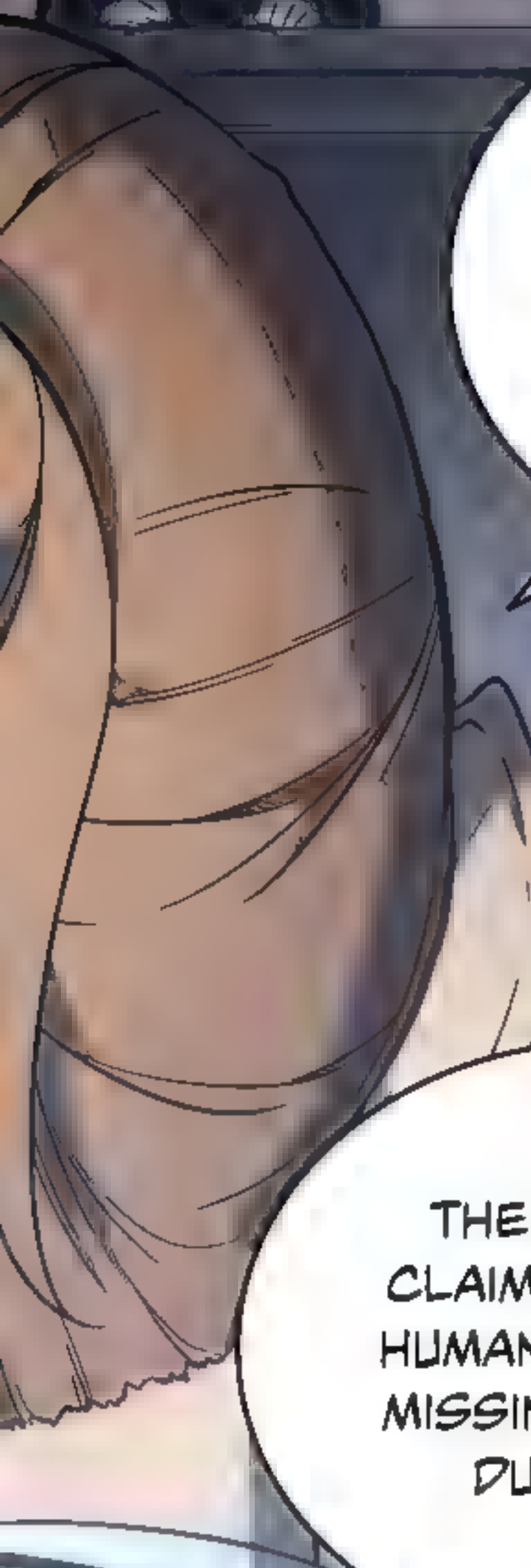
WE PLAN TO  
ASK ALL THE GUILDS  
AROUND THE WORLD TO  
HELP US APPREHEND  
"SUSPECT S."

PLEASE CONTACT  
US IF YOU LOCATE THIS  
MAN. THAT'S ALL I HAVE  
FOR YOU TODAY.


IS THERE  
ANY PROOF THAT  
"SUSPECT S" ISN'T  
HUMAN?




THE WAVELENGTH  
OF HIS MANA WAS  
IDENTICAL TO A  
BEAST'S. NEXT  
QUESTION?



THE SUSPECT  
CLAIMED TO BE A  
HUMAN WHO WENT  
MISSING INSIDE A  
DUNGEON.




WAS THE HUNTER  
HE DESCRIBED  
HIMSELF TO BE...  
A REAL PERSON?



YES, HE WAS A  
REAL PERSON. NEXT  
QUESTION.






THEN WHY HAVEN'T  
YOU REVEALED THAT  
HUNTER'S IDENTITY?

AH...

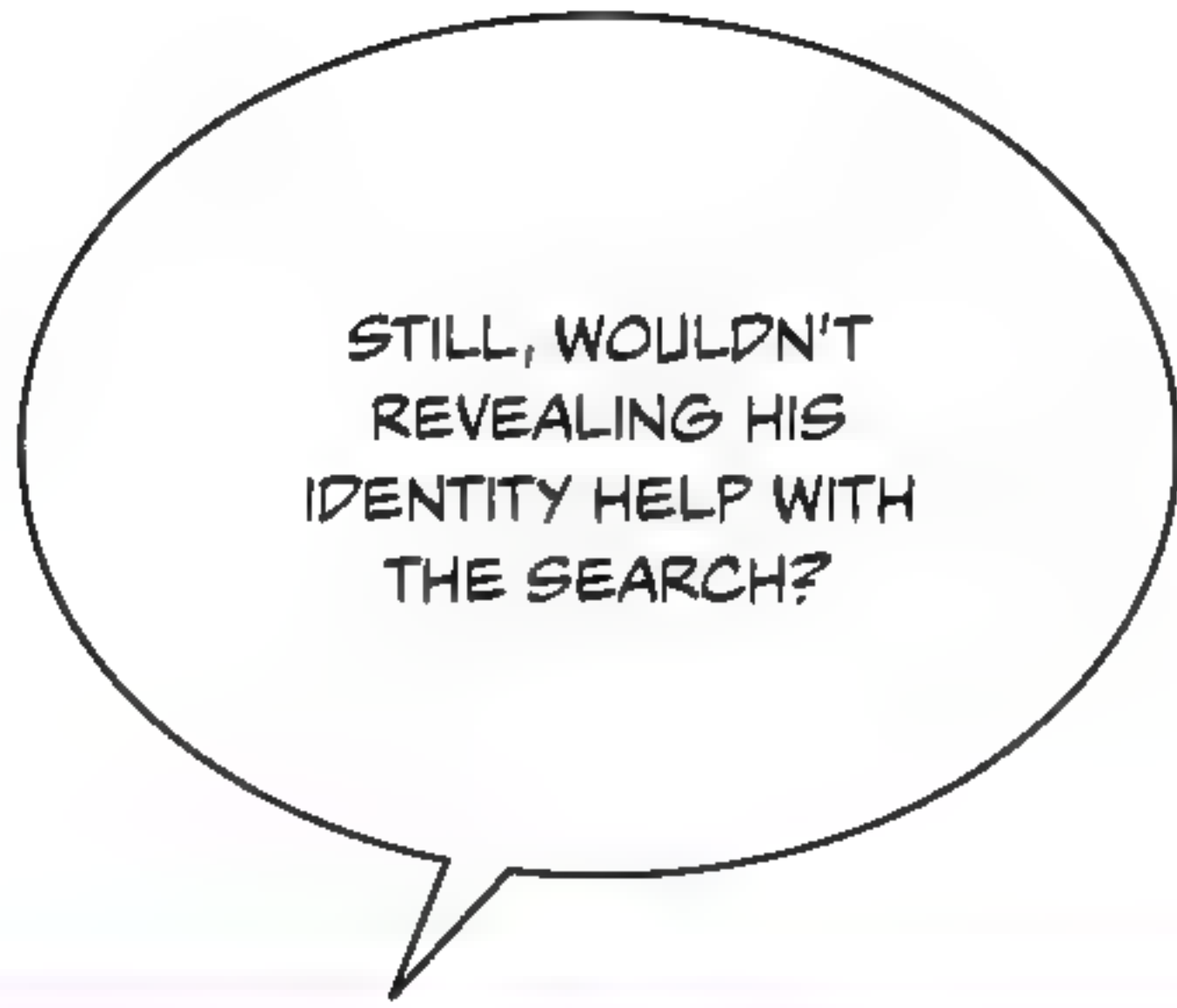
HE HAS A CONNECTION  
TO ONE OF THE HUNTERS  
PRESENT HERE TODAY,

SO WE'VE DECIDED  
NOT TO DISCLOSE THAT  
INFORMATION.



ARE THERE  
ANY FURTHER  
QUESTIONS?







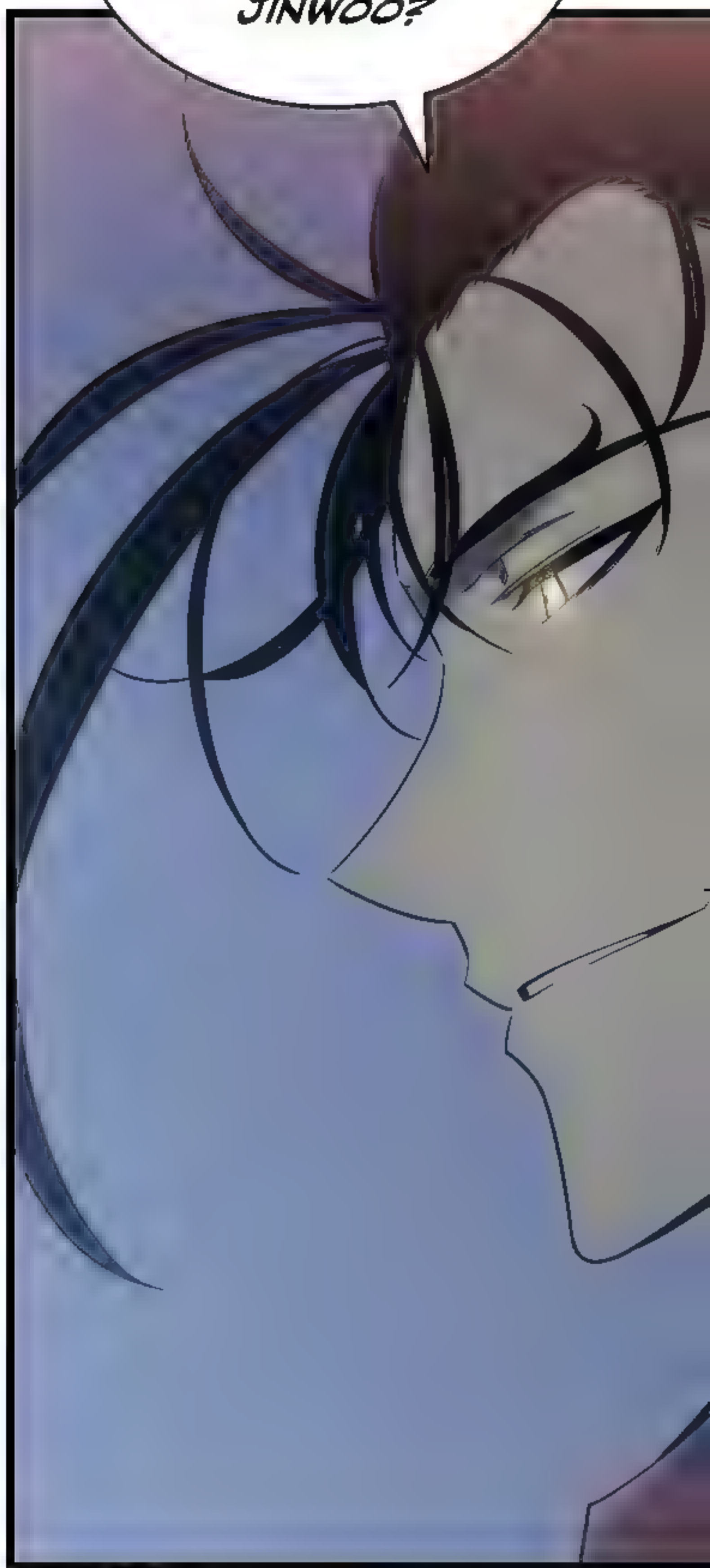
WOULDN'T YOU AGREE,  
MR. BRENNON?



CHINA'S 7-STAR HUNTER  
*LIU ZHIGANG*

LET ME ASK  
YOU A DIRECT  
QUESTION.

**WHAT IS  
THE BEAST'S  
RELATION TO  
MR. SUNG  
JINWOO?**







...



WELL, MR. LIU...  
I GUESS YOU LEAVE  
ME WITH NO CHOICE.

DURING  
THE INTERROGATION,  
"SUSPECT S" IDENTIFIED  
HIMSELF AS MR. SUNG  
JINWOO'S FATHER,

SO WE ARE  
USING THAT AS  
THE BASIS OF OUR  
INVESTIGATION.



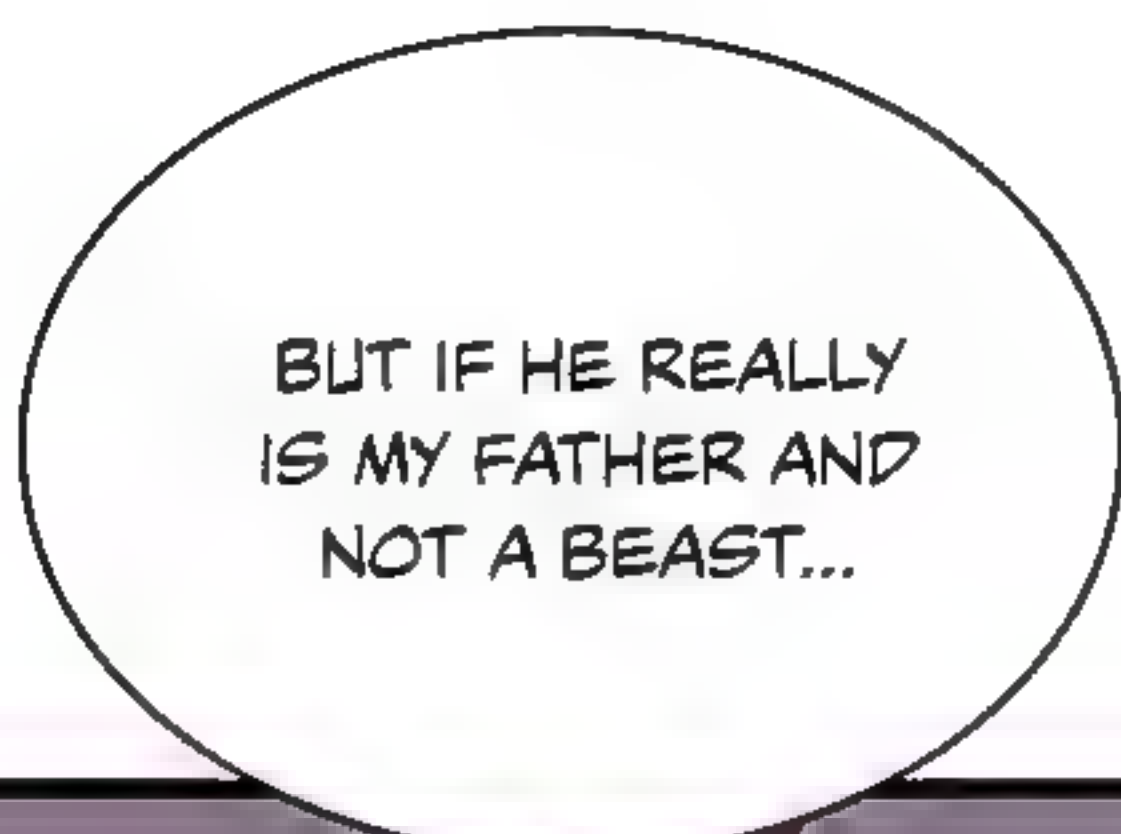


MR. SUNG,  
WHAT WILL YOU DO IF  
"SUSPECT S" TURNS OUT  
TO BE YOUR MISSING  
FATHER...

...AND HUNTERS  
TRY TO HUNT HIM  
DOWN?











...THEN I'LL SIMPLY  
HAVE TO HUNT DOWN



HAVE TO HUNT DOWN  
THE HUNTERS.




I'M GOING  
TO PROTECT MY  
FAMILY, EVEN IF IT  
MEANS TURNING ALL  
THE HUNTERS IN THE  
WORLD AGAINST  
ME.












WERE YOU BEING  
SERIOUS BACK  
THERE?

YES.

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU  
SAID THAT IN FRONT  
OF 500 TOP-RANKING  
HUNTERS FROM OVER  
120 COUNTRIES...

THERE'S  
PROBABLY ONLY ONE  
OTHER HUNTER WHO  
CAN GET AWAY WITH  
SOMETHING LIKE  
THIS.



AND WHO'S  
THAT?

HE'S HOSPITALIZED  
AT THE MOMENT.





THERE'LL BE A  
BANQUET NOW,  
MR. SUNG.



THE BUREAU  
WORKED REALLY HARD  
TO PUT IT TOGETHER,  
SO IF YOU AREN'T BUSY,  
HOW ABOUT DINING WITH  
THE OTHER...



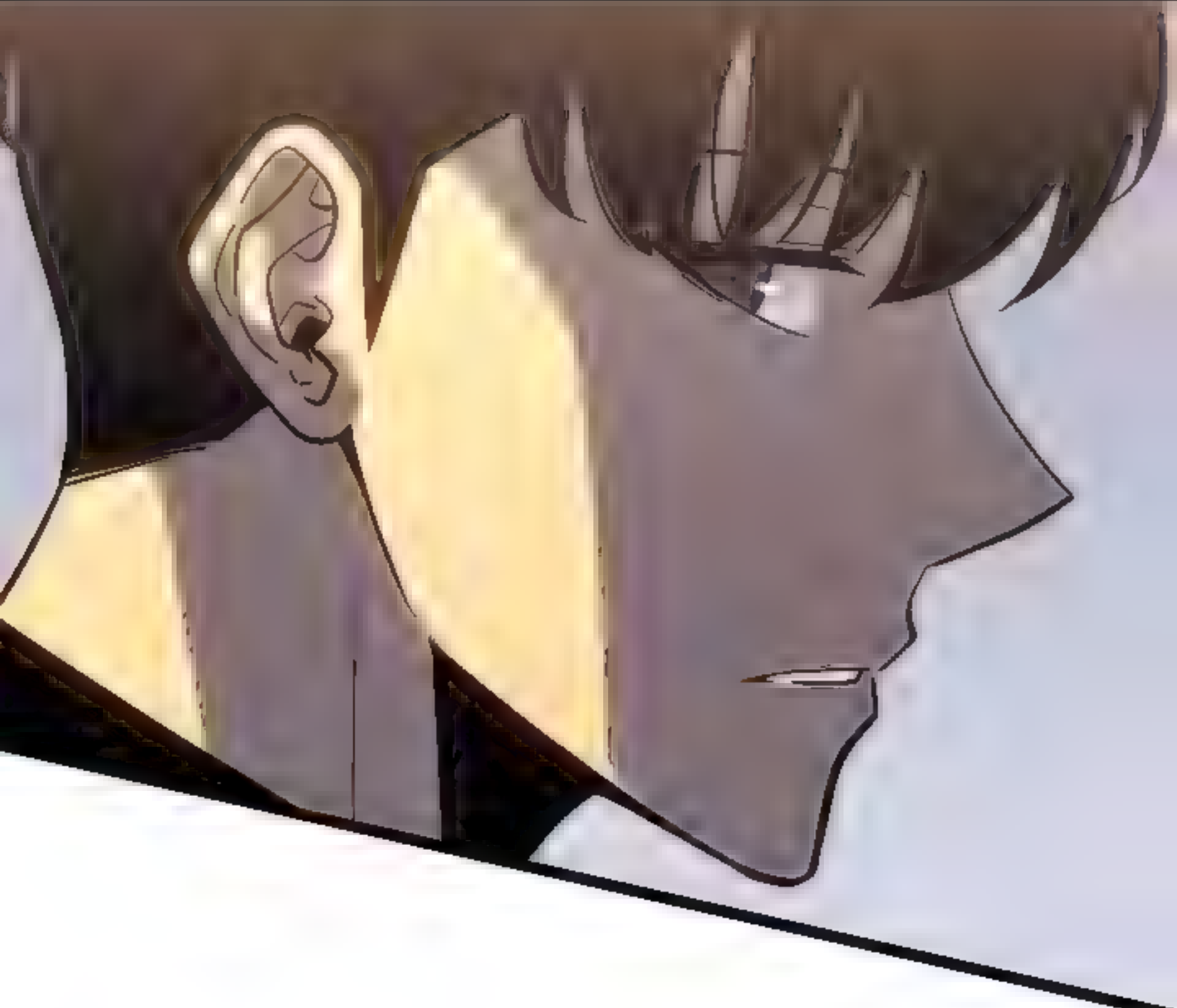




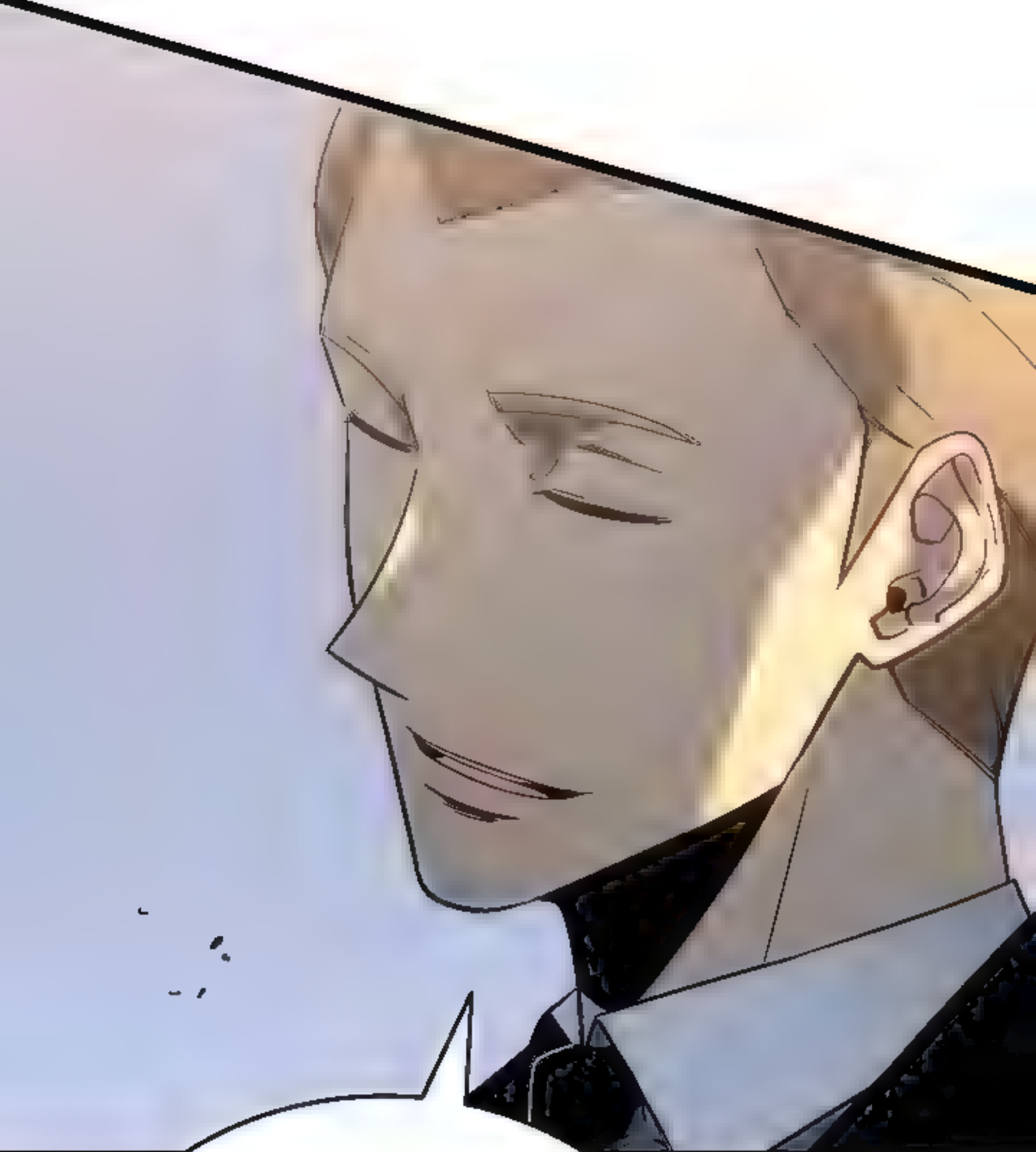




YOU CAN SPEAK  
CHINESE, TOO?



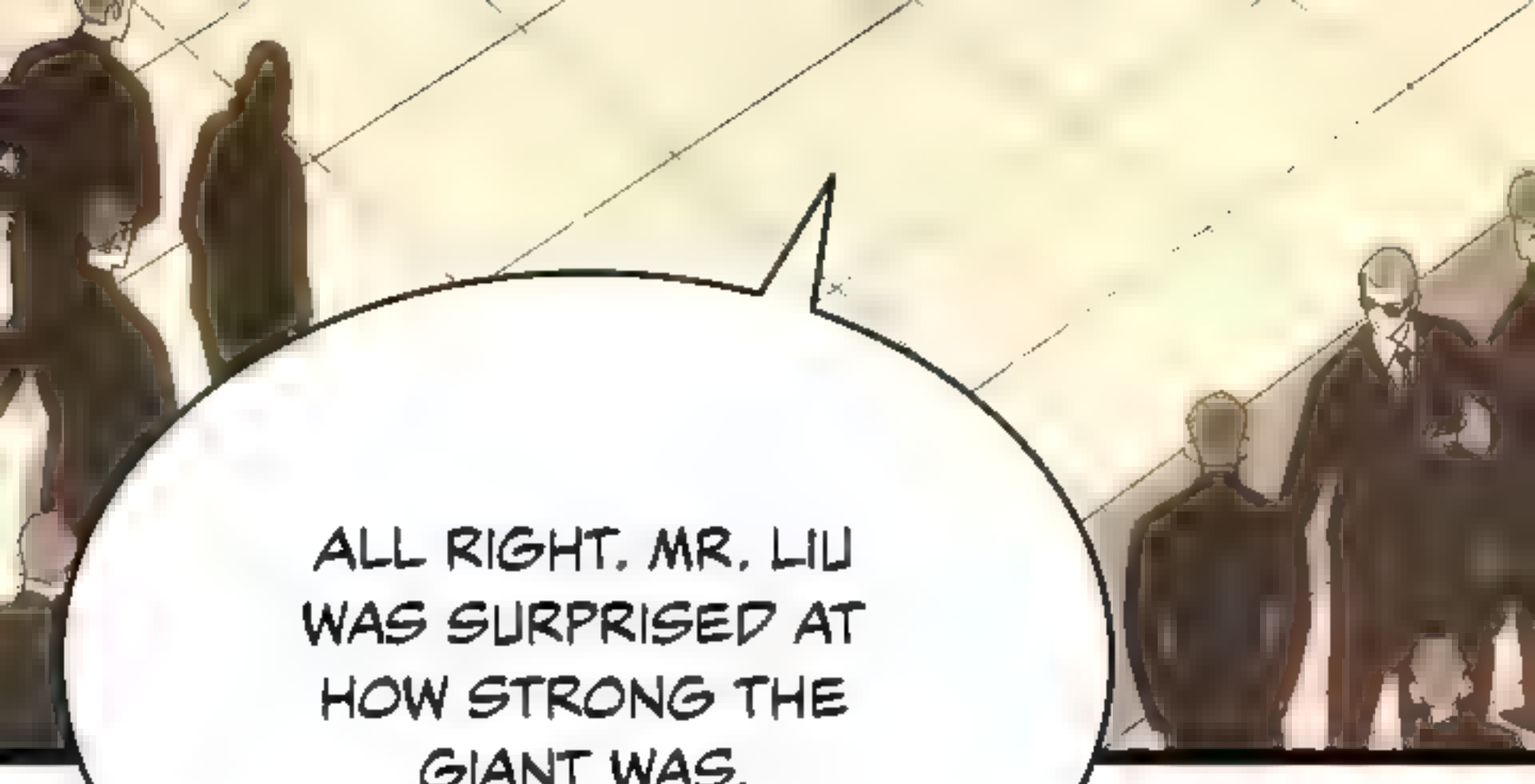
WELL, I'M  
IN CHARGE OF THE  
ASIA REGION, SO I'M  
SOMEWHAT FLUENT  
IN MOST ASIAN  
LANGUAGES.



KEEP  
INTERPRETING,  
THEN.








ALL RIGHT. MR. LIU  
WAS SURPRISED AT  
HOW STRONG THE  
GIANT WAS.

AND THAT FIGHTING  
THE BEAST ON WATER  
MADE IT ESPECIALLY  
DIFFICULT.



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HE'S BEEN  
WANTING TO MEET  
YOU EVER SINCE.

HE'S BEEN CURIOUS  
TO LEARN MORE ABOUT  
THE HUNTER WHO WAS  
ABLE TO DEFEAT THE  
POWERFUL GIANTS  
WITH EASE.





ALSO, HE  
SAYS HE'S GLAD  
YOU PUT THOMAS  
IN HIS PLACE.

HE'S POSITIVE  
THOMAS WAS THE  
ONE AT FAULT...



I THOUGHT HE WAS  
JUST A GRUMPY GUY  
AT FIRST, BUT...



...HE SEEMS  
LIKE A PRETTY  
INTERESTING  
PERSON.

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**WHICH IS WHY  
HE TRULY HOPES  
"SUSPECT S"...  
ISN'T YOUR  
FATHER.**

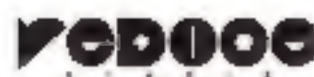




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